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Applicant :K. YASUNAGA et al.

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For : EXCITATION VECTOR GENERATOR, SPEECH CODER AND SPEECH DECODER

**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 8-294738, filed November 7, 1996; 8-310324, filed November 21, 1996; 9-34582, filed February 19, 1997; and 9-34583, filed February 19, 1997. As required by the Statute, certified copies of the Japanese applications have been filed by the International Bureau in parent Application No. 09/101,186, filed July 6, 1998.

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